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### **NEWPORT PLANNING COMMISSION SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Newport Planning Commission is seeking applications to fill two positions on the Planning Commission's Citizens Advisory Committee to allow for additional citizen input into their legislative work program, which involves review and updates to the Comprehensive Plan or its implementing ordinances (such as the zoning ordinance and related land use codes). The Citizens Advisory Committee may also assist the Commission with the implementation of the Newport Urban Renewal Plans.

To assist with their efforts in a comprehensive review and update of the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission appointed a three-member Citizens Advisory Committee in 2004. While the project to comprehensively review the zoning ordinance is finished, work to improve the ordinance and comprehensive plan occurs on an ongoing basis. With this in mind, and in order to continue to gain this broader public perspective, the Planning Commission has continued the involvement of a Citizens Advisory Committee. The time commitment is two meetings per month, typically on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and usually ending by 7:00 p.m.

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on November 20, 2015, to the Community Development Department in the Newport City Hall (169 SW Coast Highway). The Planning Commission will then consider the applications at its November 23<sup>rd</sup> or December 14<sup>th</sup> work session. An application form is available at the Community Development office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; or you can go on line at <http://newportoregon.gov>, click on 'City Government', scroll down and click on 'Committee/Commission Application'. Fill out that form and return it to the City by clicking on the 'submit' button at the bottom of the form. Questions may be answered by contacting the Community Development Department at 541-574-0626.